# Contemporary Jewish Issues, Session 7, JconnecT:

# LEKET ISRAEL

1. Leket Israel: Feeding Israel's hungry: <http://path.to/aboutleket/>
2. What is Leket, Biblically?

**וּבְקֻצְרְכֶם אֶת-קְצִיר אַרְצְכֶם,**

**לֹא תְכַלֶּה פְּאַת שָׂדְךָ לִקְצֹר;**

"You shall not reap every last edge of your field and not gather in the gleanings of your harvest.. you shall leave them for the poor and the proselyte."

**וְלֶקֶט קְצִירְךָ, לֹא תְלַקֵּט**

**.** **י וְכַרְמְךָ לֹא תְעוֹלֵל,**

**וּפֶרֶט כַּרְמְךָ לֹא תְלַקֵּט:**

**לֶעָנִי וְלַגֵּר תַּעֲזֹב אֹתָם, אֲנִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵיכֶם.**

**יא לֹא, תִּגְנֹבוּ; וְלֹא-תְכַחֲשׁוּ וְלֹא-תְשַׁקְּרוּ, אִישׁ בַּעֲמִיתוֹ.**

**יב וְלֹא-תִשָּׁבְעוּ בִשְׁמִי, לַשָּׁקֶר:**

**וְחִלַּלְתָּ אֶת-שֵׁם אֱלֹהֶיךָ, אֲנִי ה'.**

**יג לֹא-תַעֲשֹׁק אֶת-רֵעֲךָ, וְלֹא תִגְזֹל; לֹא-תָלִין פְּעֻלַּת שָׂכִיר, אִתְּךָ--עַד-בֹּקֶר**

1. **What is the reason for**
2. **these mitzvoth?**
3. **When are these mitzvoth fulfilled?**
4. **Whom do these laws protect?**
5. **What kind of society is formed?**
6. **What do these law prevent?**

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| **Tractate Peah, Chapter 2**  **Tosefta 151**  **What is Leket (fallen stalks)?2 It is what is left over [in the field] as a result of reaping [with a tool]3 and as a result of detachment [of produce by hand] (i.e. handpicking).4 Rebbi Yossi says, “Leket is only what is left [in the field] as a result of reaping [with a tool and not what is left from handpicking], as it says, *‘… and you should not pick up the fallen [stalks] of your reaping.*’ (Vayikra 19:9 and 23:22)”5,6** | **מסכת פאה פרק ב**  **תוספתא טו**  **אֵיזֶהוּ לֶקֶט? זֶה הַנּוֹשֵׁר בִּשְׁעַת קּצִירה וּבִשְׁעַת תְּלִישָׁה. רבי יוֹסֶי אוֹמֵר אֵין לֶקֶט אֶלָּא הַנּוֹשֵׁר בִּשְׁעַת קְּצִירָה בִּלְבָד שֶׁנֶּאמר (ויקרא יט:ט, כג:כב) *וְלֶקֶט קְצִירְךָ לֹא תְלַקֵּט*.** |

1. What is the machloket?
2. What do these laws remind you of in modern times?
3. What are the laws? Draw!
4. How can we ‘LEKET’ in our areas?
5. Review more about LEKET:
   1. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-Y5HpnfBPE&NR=1>
6. Get Involved: Help solve Israel's and America's hungry: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5JOFyUA1rLA>
7. Harvesting and more: <http://path.to/leketprojects/> See some of Leket Israel's projects, one of which you've done!
8. Joseph Gitler, Chairman of Leket Israel: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dEI5bx860Hg>  
   